

SENATE RESOLUTION 137

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Murfreesboro Mayor-Elect Shane McFarland.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Shane McFarland, who was elected mayor of Murfreesboro on April 15, 2014, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a two-term member of the Murfreesboro City Council, Shane McFarland formerly served on the city's Parks and Recreation, Cultural Arts, and Planning commissions and looks forward to making Murfreesboro one of America's most livable and most business-friendly cities as its mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor-Elect McFarland cites economic development, orderly growth, a stable property tax rate, and an even better quality of life as the top priorities of his impending administration; and

WHEREAS, as a city councilman, Mayor-Elect McFarland helped initiate Murfreesboro's customer service program, which implemented customer service training and performance measures to improve the level of service residents and businesses experience when dealing with the city; and

WHEREAS, Mayor-Elect McFarland gives back to his community through service on Murfreesboro's Pension and Golf commissions, as president of the Linebaugh Foundation, and as vice chair of the Master Custom Builders Council; and

WHEREAS, a past board member of the Discovery Center and Special Kids and a past secretary of Noon Rotary, he is also a founding board member and the treasurer of the Murfreesboro Half Marathon and coaches his sons' baseball team; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, where he served as Student Government Association president, he founded Shane McFarland Construction in 2008; and

WHEREAS, as the employer of five, Mayor-Elect McFarland understands the struggles that small businesses face and the importance of fiscal responsibility, expertise that served him well on the City Council and will continue to inform his priorities and decisions as mayor of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Shane McFarland is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Ashley, and their sons, Luke, Eli, and Drew; and

WHEREAS, Shane McFarland is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Mayor-Elect Shane McFarland as a progressive and thoughtful public servant and community leader, congratulate him upon his election as the next mayor of Murfreesboro, and wish him much continued success in his new role.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.